

Application No : 10/765,114
Art Unit: 3611

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Amendments to the Drawings:

A proposed drawing change is submitted herewith. Proposed changes are shown in red. The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 6. This sheet, which includes Fig. 6, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 6. In Fig. 6, previously omitted cord locks 233 and 235 have been added. Also, reference numerals have been added to cord locks 228 and 230, and to elongated rods 270 and 272. The reference numerals on the floor anchor members have been corrected to properly show 232 and 234.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 5 and 9. Claims 1-13 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5 and 9 are independent claims.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 35 CFR 1.83(a) as failing to show every feature of the claimed invention. In this regard, the Examiner indicates that Fig. 6 does not show the two additional cord locks, which are recited in the claims. Applicant has amended Fig. 6 to show the two additional cord locks 233 and 235. Applicant has further amended Fig. 6 by adding and correcting certain reference numerals, to correct clear informalities. No new matter has been added by these amendments to Fig. 6.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure as containing an embedded hyperlink or other browser-executable code. Applicant has amended the specification by deleting the above-noted hyperlinks from the paragraph beginning at line 17 on page 11 of the specification. This amendment serves to obviate the Examiner's objection.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure as containing the following informalities:

1) The Examiner indicates that "the specification does not provide support for ceiling interface 240". However, Applicant points out that in the portion the specification which refers to and describes the embodiment of Fig. 6, page 15, line 17 of the specification

recites; “and a ceiling interface member **240**”. Thus, Applicant contends that the specification does provide support for the ceiling interface 240, recited in the Claims.

2) The Examiner has also indicated that the specification does not provide support for a “rod supporting tubular member”. Applicant has amended the specification at page 14, in the paragraph beginning at line 3. Applicant has also amended the specification at page 15, in the paragraph beginning at line 6. These amendments serve to point out and refer to the rod supporting tubular members already shown in Figs. 4, Fig. 5 and Fig. 6 and recited in the Claims. Thus, the Examiner’s objection is obviated by this amendment. No new matter has been added to the disclosure by these amendments.

In the recent Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 5 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended both Claims 5 and 9 by changing the word “cork” to the word -- cord --. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 5 and 9, as amended, meet the specific requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The indication by the Examiner that Claims 1-13 are allowable, is noted with appreciation.

As noted above, Applicant has amended independent Claims 5 and 9 to overcome the Examiner’s rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and has amended the specification and drawings to overcome the Examiner’s objections thereto. Applicant

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respectfully submits that for at least these reasons, independent Claims 1, 5 and 9 and their corresponding dependent Claims, are allowable over the prior art applied of record, and that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: 1 replacement sheet of drawings
1 annotated sheet of drawings showing changes

